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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Material, DPD

25X1 SUBJECT : Release to FOG of Westinghouse AFQ-56 Systems and Spares 25X1

1. In recent discussions with [redacted] FOG Project Officer and [redacted] Westinghouse Corporation, it was brought to our attention that the AFQ-56 Radar Mapping Sets installed in FOG U-2 Aircraft are rapidly wearing out. After approximately four years of continuous use many random failures are being encountered. These are generally attributed to the age of the units.

2. Consideration has been given to an IRAN Program to refurbish these units. While this is feasible, it is a very costly undertaking, particularly for electronic equipment.

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3. It was drawn to our attention that approximately eight (8) AFQ-56 Systems and supporting spares are presently being held in storage by Air Section, DPD. The sets were previously installed on [redacted] These sets and spares are readily adaptable for use in the FOG U-2 Aircraft.

4. In the interest of overall savings to the Government, it is suggested that if no valid requirement exists for these sets within the Agency, that they be turned over to FOG for use in their U-2 Aircraft. I would appreciate your immediate review of this proposal since FOG is very shortly planning to return their sets for IRAN.

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Chief, Contracts Branch, DPD

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